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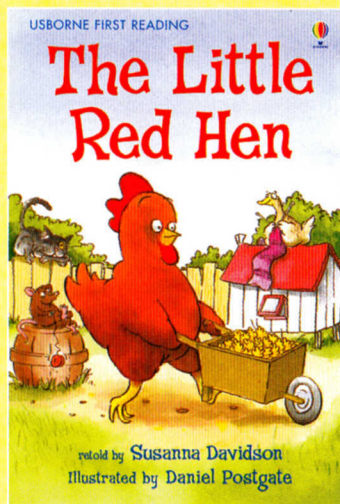
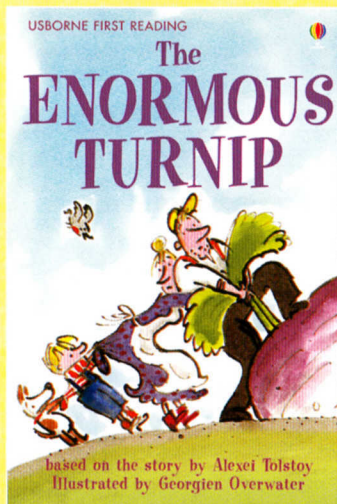
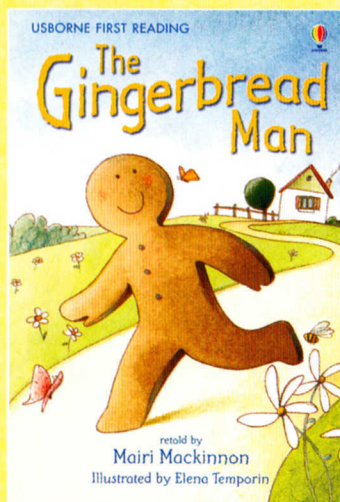
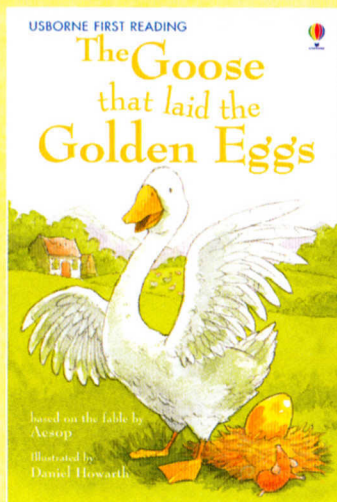
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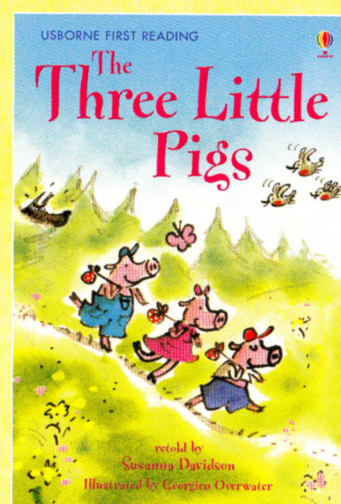
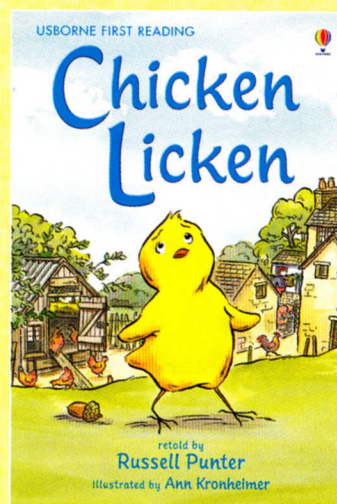
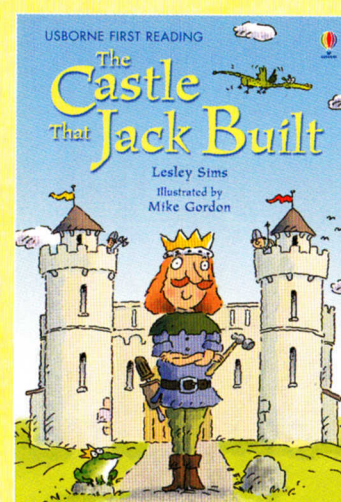
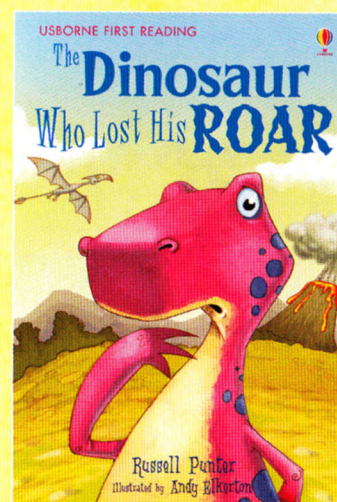


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The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Based on a story
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This story is about

Sam,



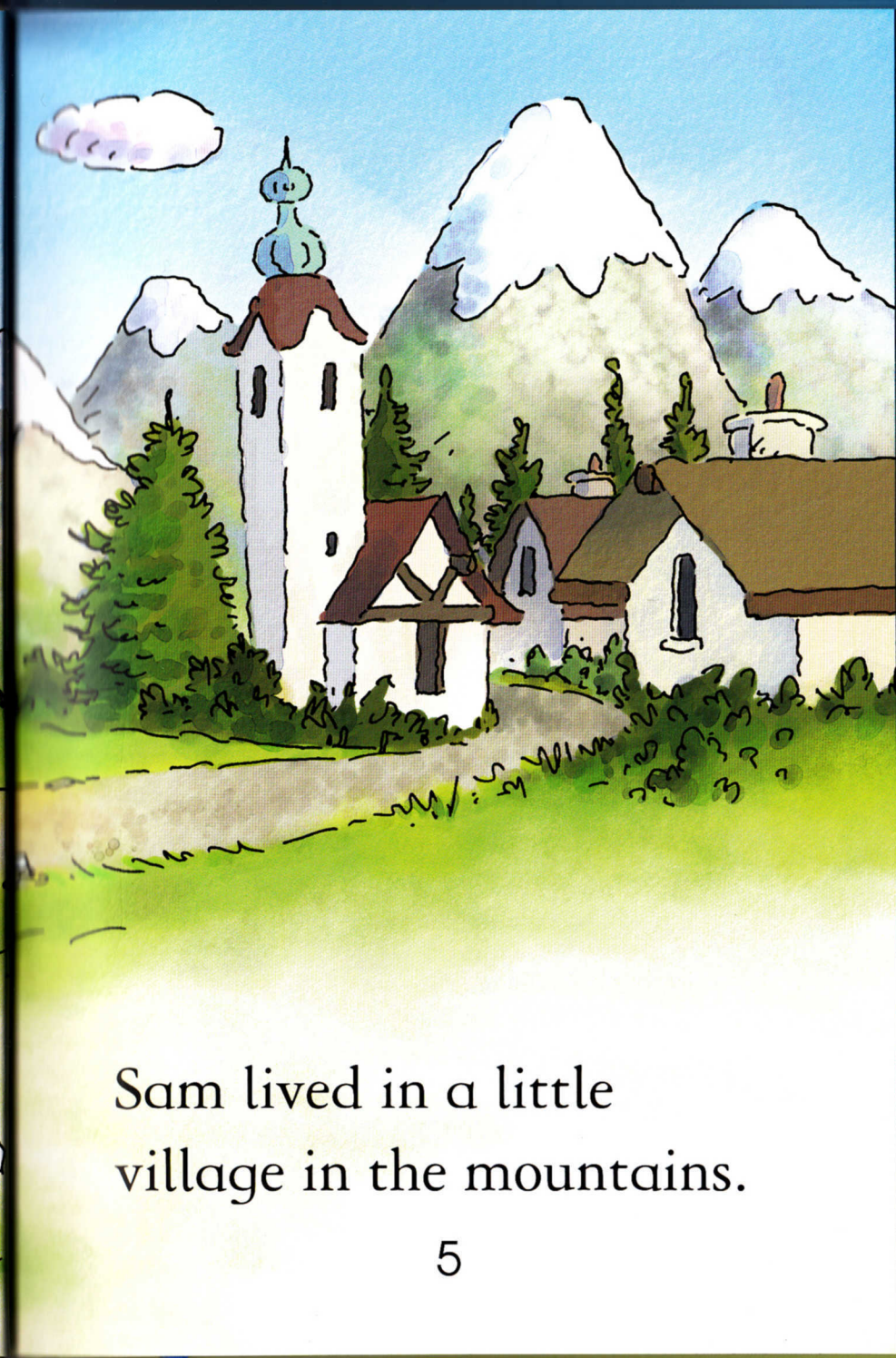
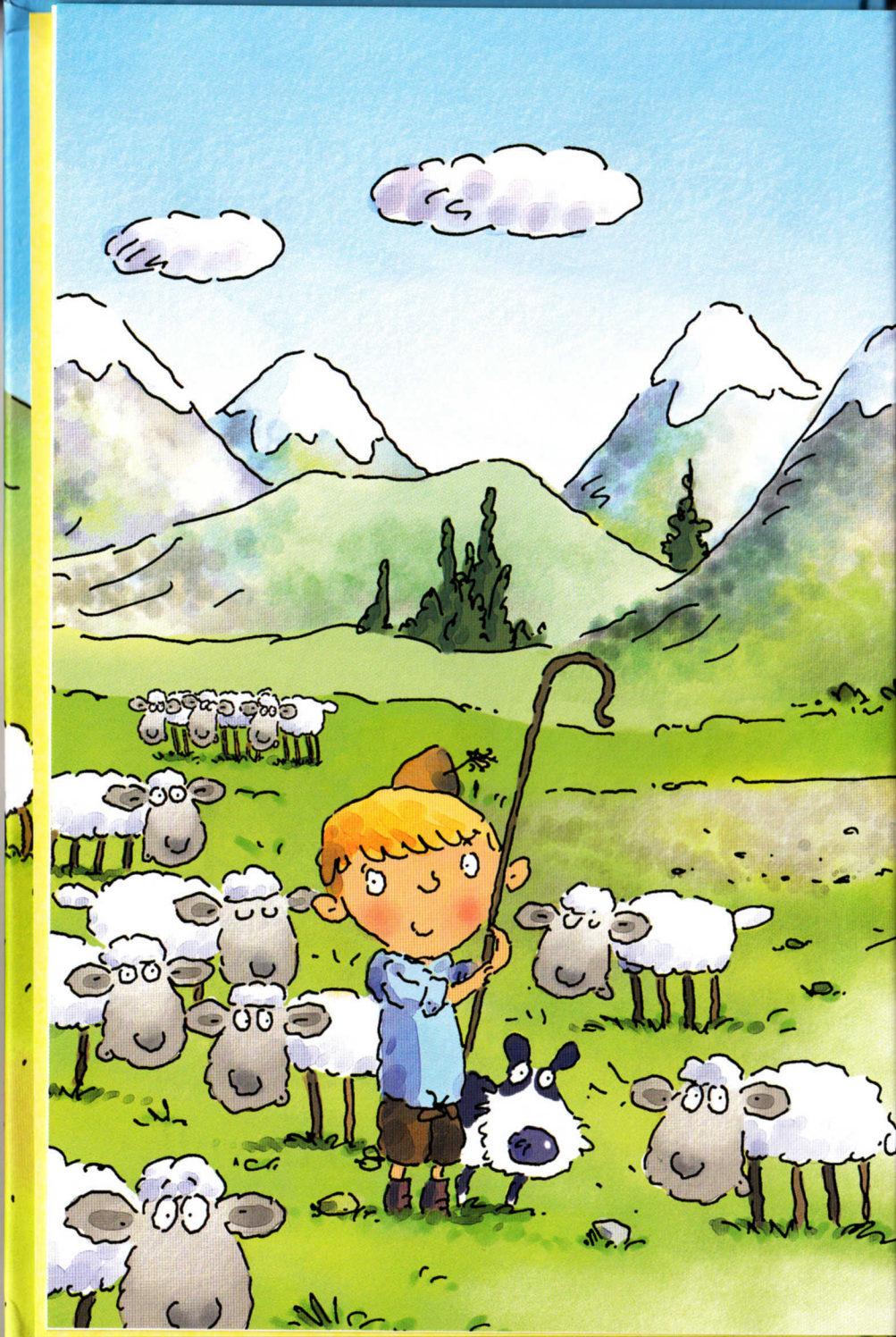
some sheep,



the villagers



and (maybe) a wolf.

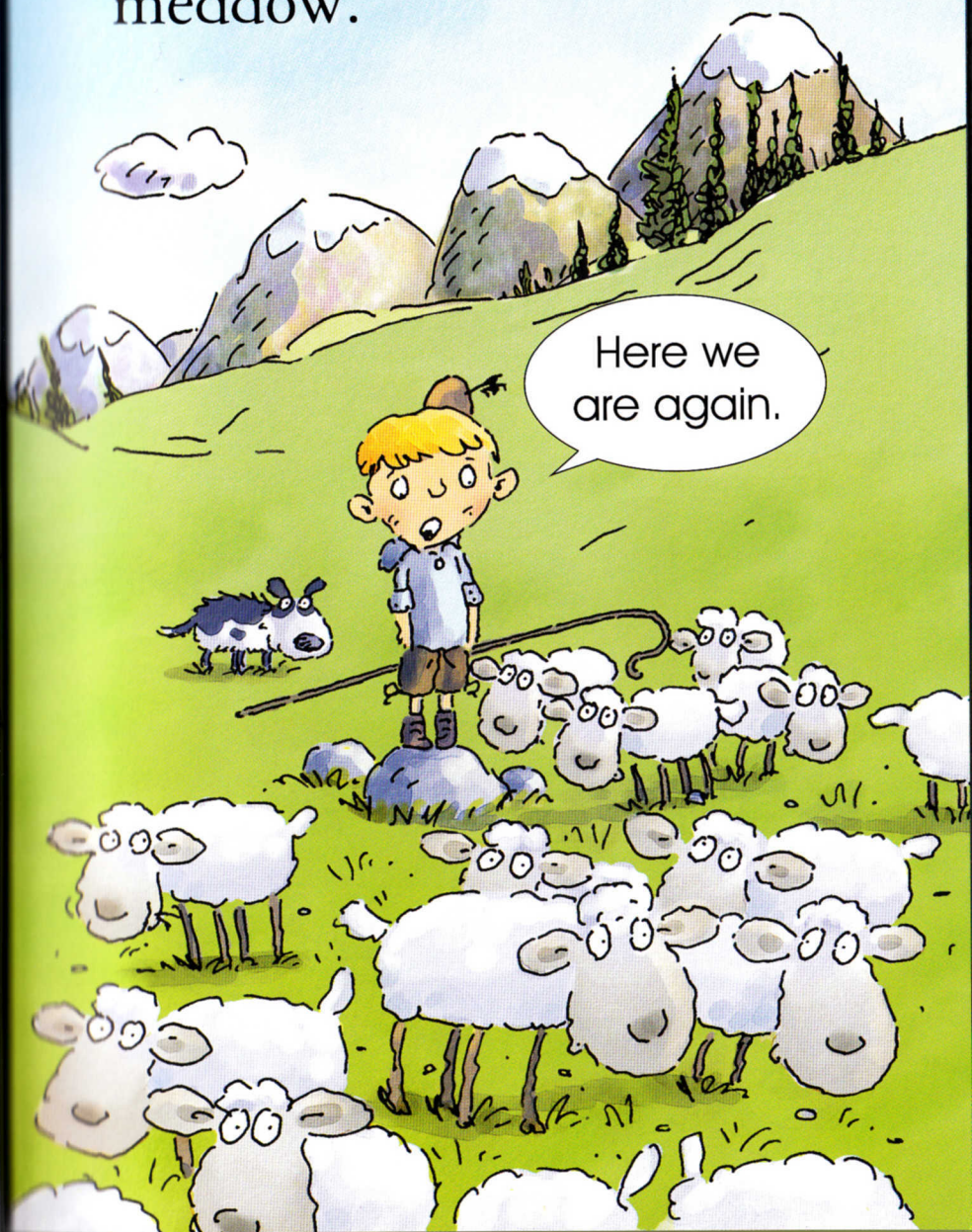


Sam lived in a little
village in the mountains.

Every day he took the
sheep from the village...



...up the hill to a grassy
meadow.



He watched them from
morning until evening.



This way,
mutton brain...



Then he took them home
again.

Every day was the same.

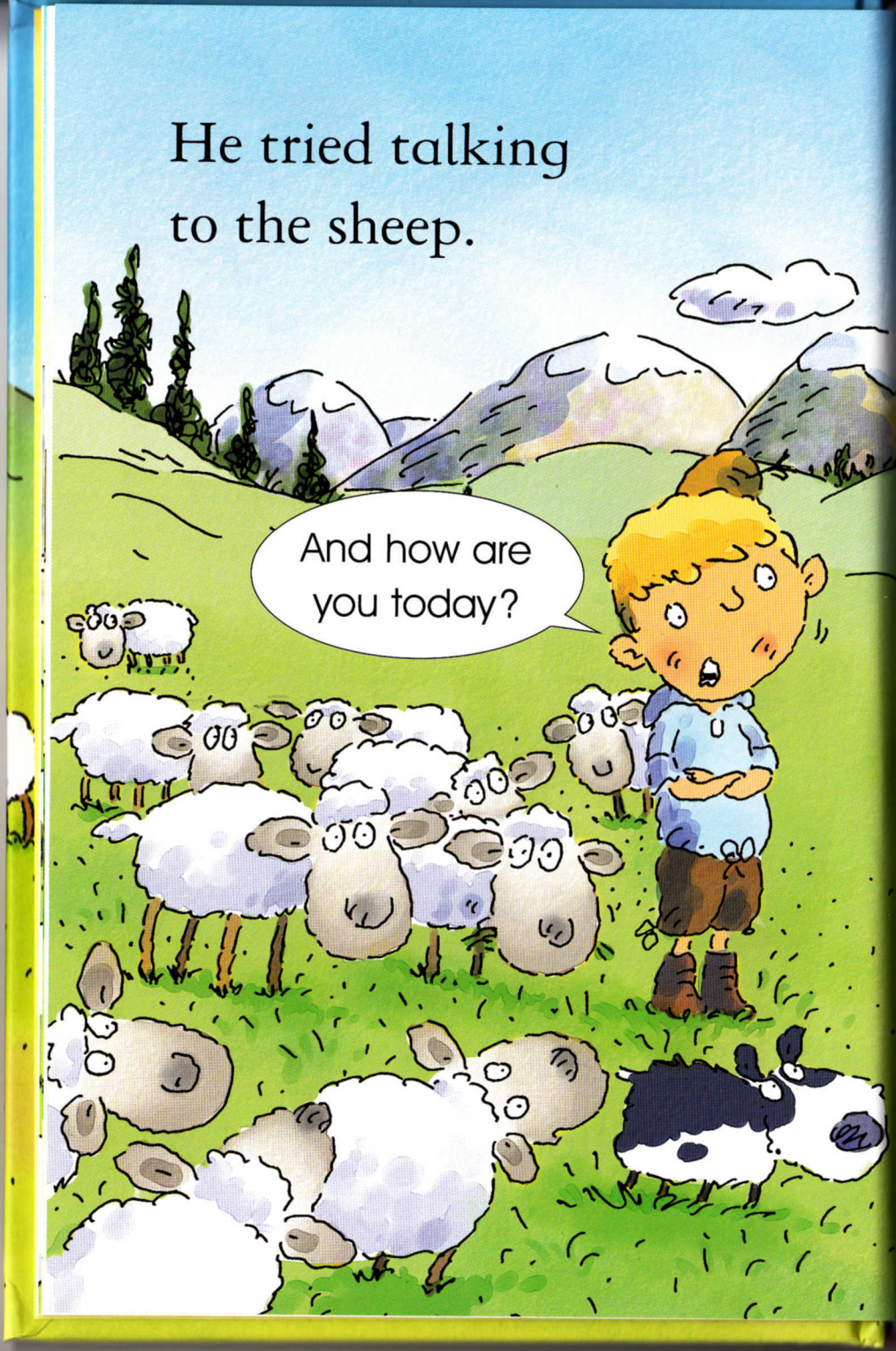


Sam was lonely and he was SO bored.



All his friends were down in the village.

He tried talking
to the sheep.

A cartoon illustration of a boy with blonde hair, wearing a blue shirt and brown shorts, standing in a green field. He is surrounded by a group of sheep, including one black and white sheep. In the background, there are rolling green hills, some evergreen trees, and snow-capped mountains under a blue sky with a few clouds. A speech bubble from the boy says, "And how are you today?"

And how are
you today?

A cartoon illustration of a group of sheep in a green field. One sheep in the foreground has a speech bubble that says, "Baa-aa." In the background, there are rolling green hills, some evergreen trees, and snow-capped mountains under a blue sky with a few clouds.

Baa-aa.

But they didn't
have much to say.

"Nobody ever comes up here," moaned Sam.



"Nothing ever happens."

One day, he had an idea.

I could
make something
happen.



He ran down the hill to
the village.



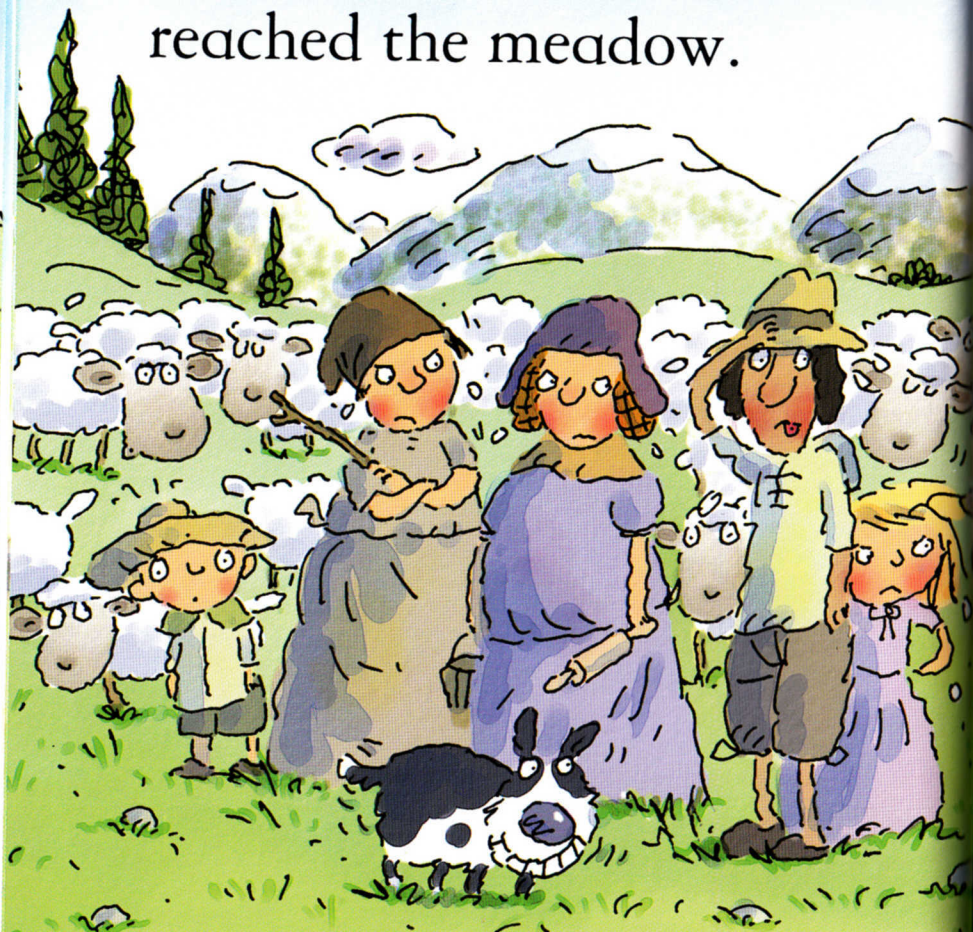
"A wolf!" he shouted.

"A wolf has come out of
the forest!"

Everyone ran up the hill
with him.



Puffing and panting, they
reached the meadow.



Of course, there was
no wolf.



The sheep were quietly
eating their grass.

The villagers were angry,
but Sam just laughed.



A few days later, Sam was bored again. He ran down the hill to the village.



"A wolf!" he shouted.

"A wolf has come out of the forest!"

Some people didn't believe him.

Oh yes?



We'd better make sure.



But most ran up the hill to see.



Puffing and panting, they
reached the meadow.



Of course, there was
no wolf.

The sheep were quietly
eating their grass.



Everyone was very angry,
but Sam just laughed.

A week later, Sam was bored again. He ran down the hill to the village.

Help, help!
There really is
a wolf!



Most people didn't believe him this time. Just a few ran up the hill.

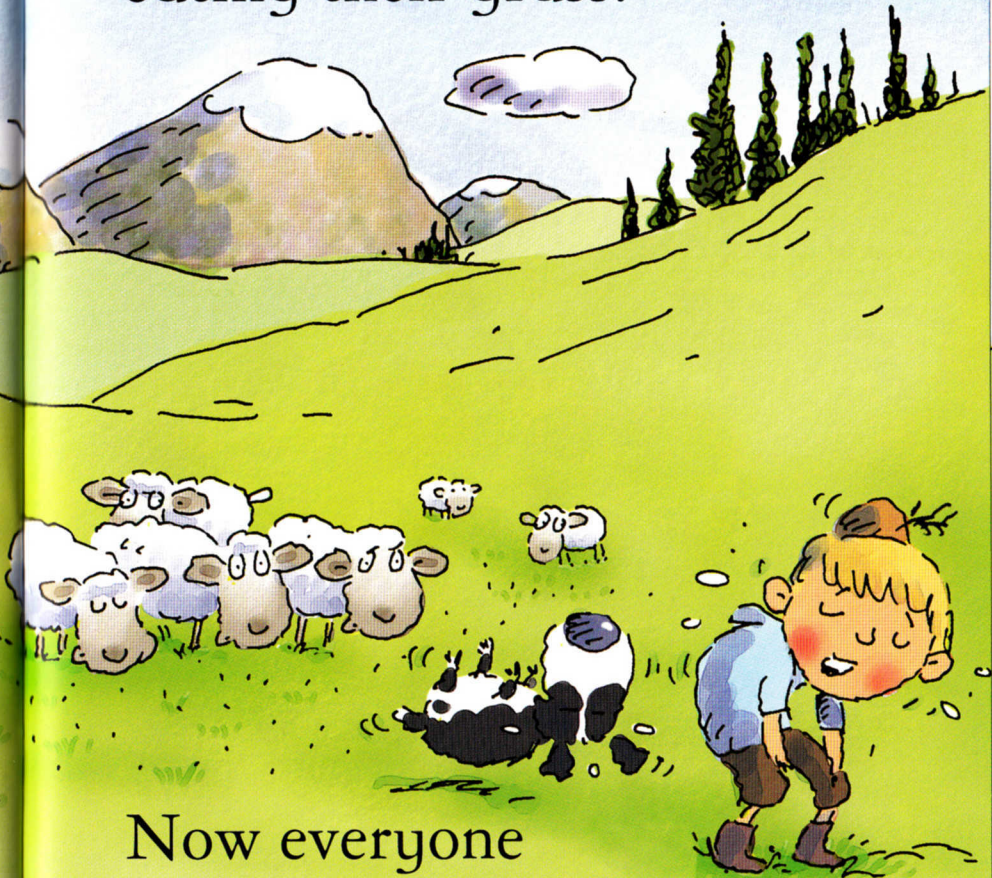
Puffing and panting, they
reached the meadow.



You think you're
so clever...

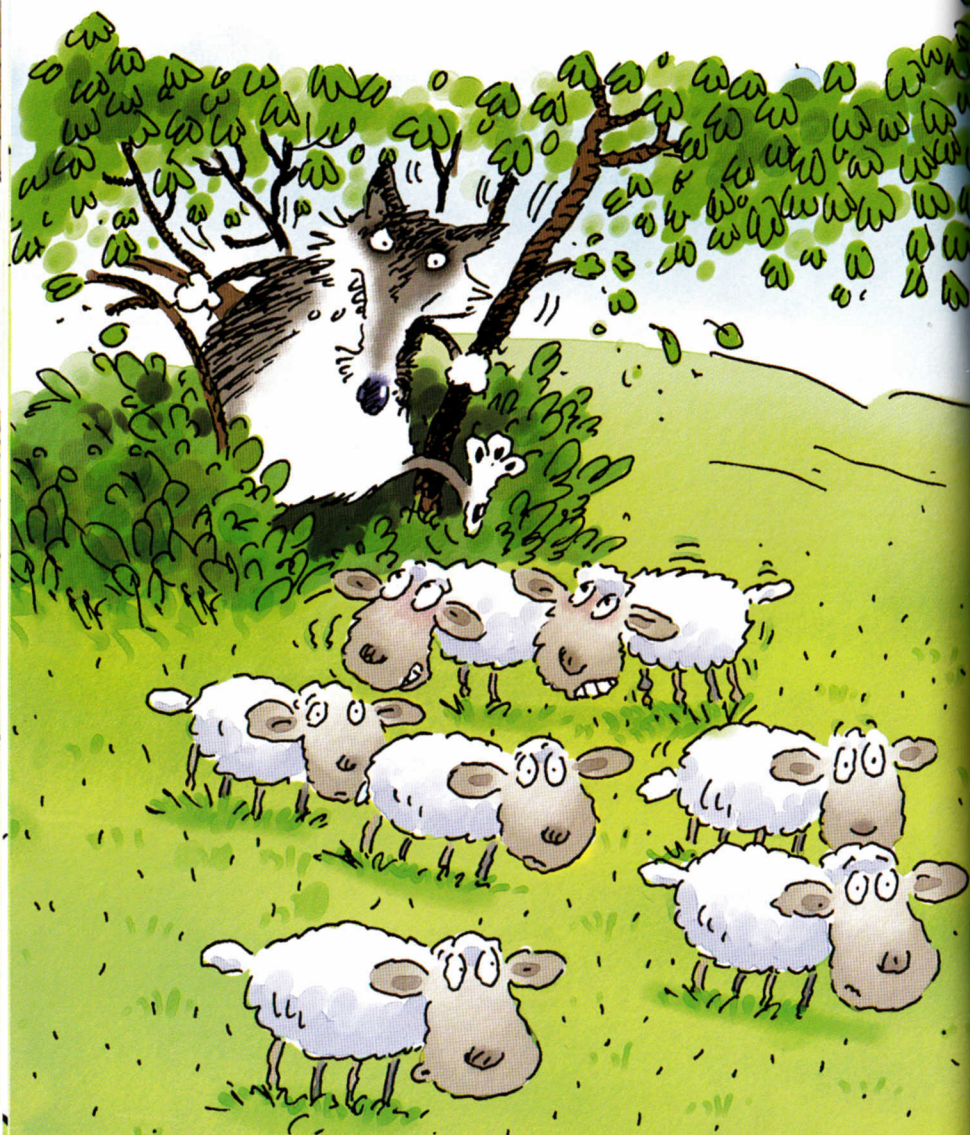
Of course, there was
no wolf.

The sheep were quietly
eating their grass.



Now everyone
was furious. Sam
laughed and laughed.

A few days later, a wolf
DID come out of the forest.



Sam was terrified. He ran
down to the village as fast
as he could.



Nobody believed him.

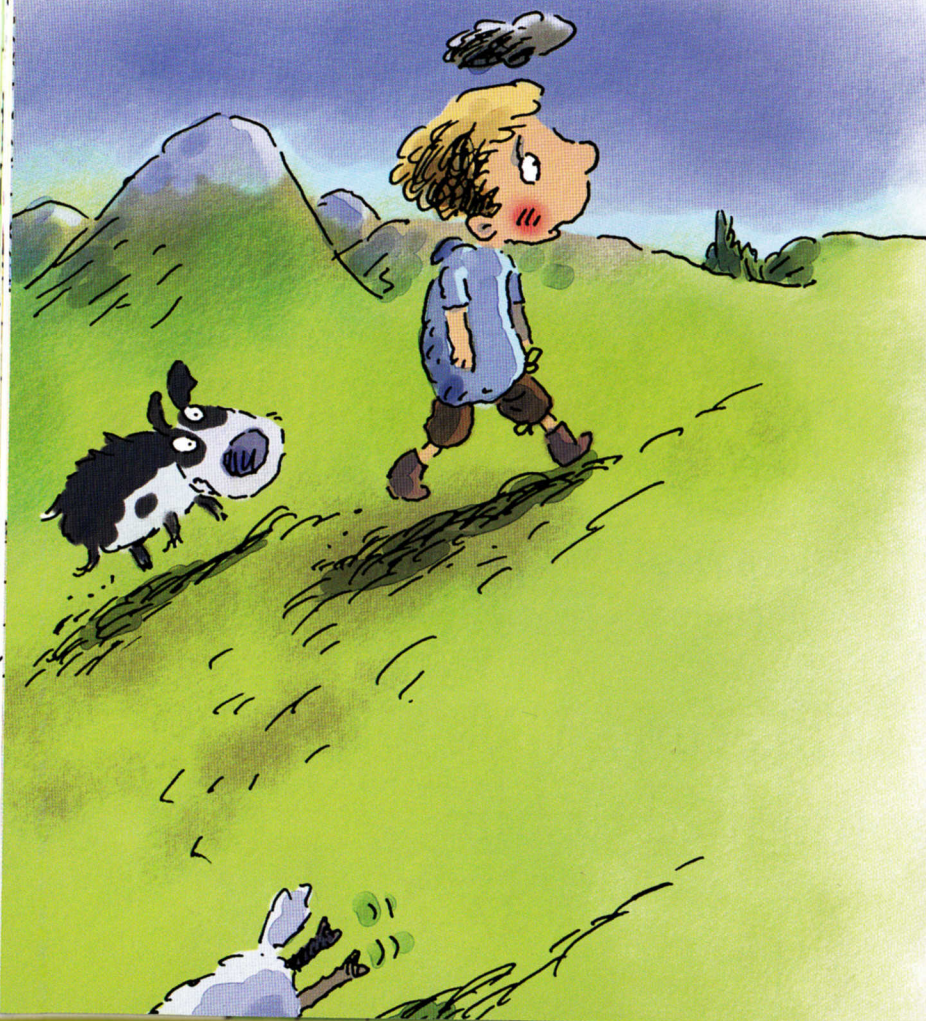


Sam begged them to come with him.

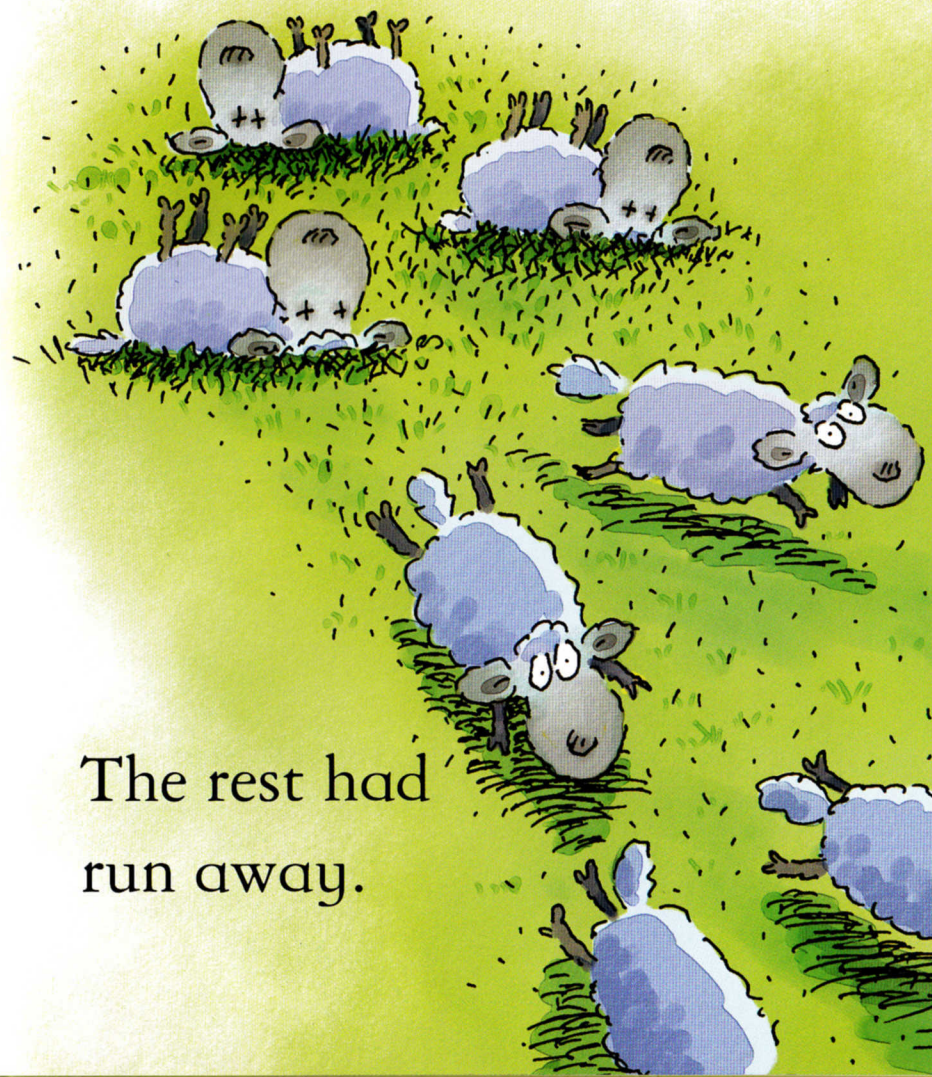


This time, they just laughed at him.

In the end, Sam had
to go back up the hill
all alone.



The wolf had killed some
of the sheep.

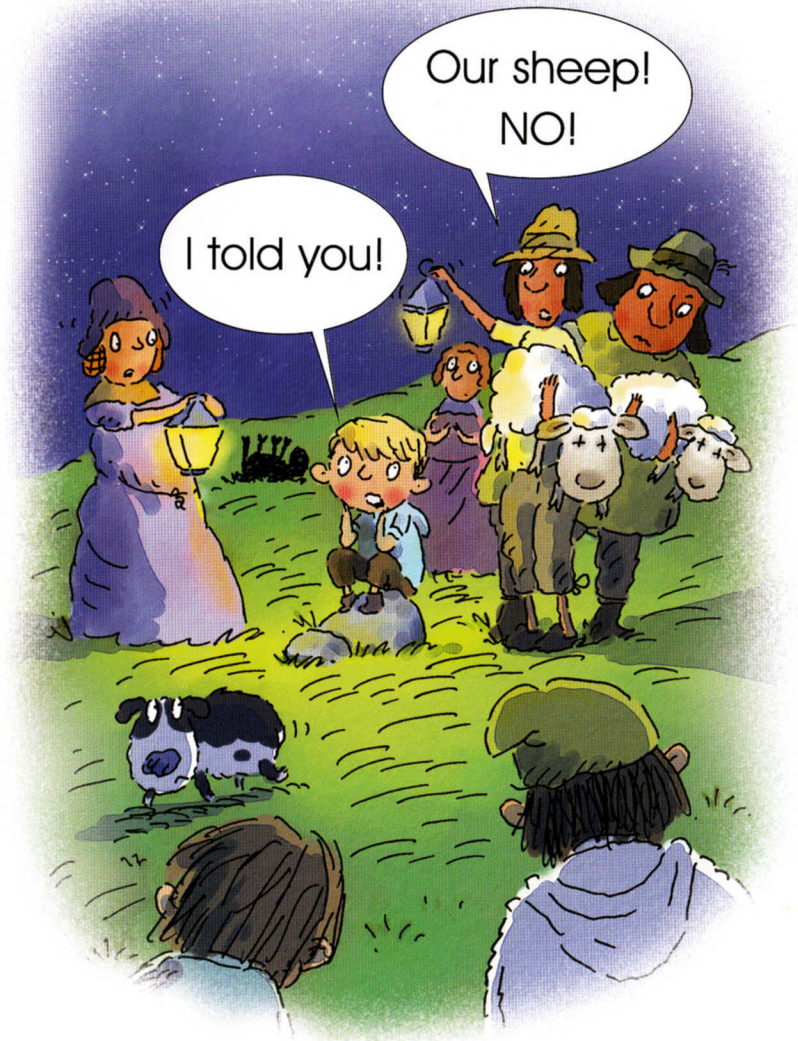


The rest had
run away.

Sam stayed in the meadow
until it was dark.



Finally, the villagers
came to find him.



“Why didn’t you believe me?” he asked.



“You always told lies before,” they said.



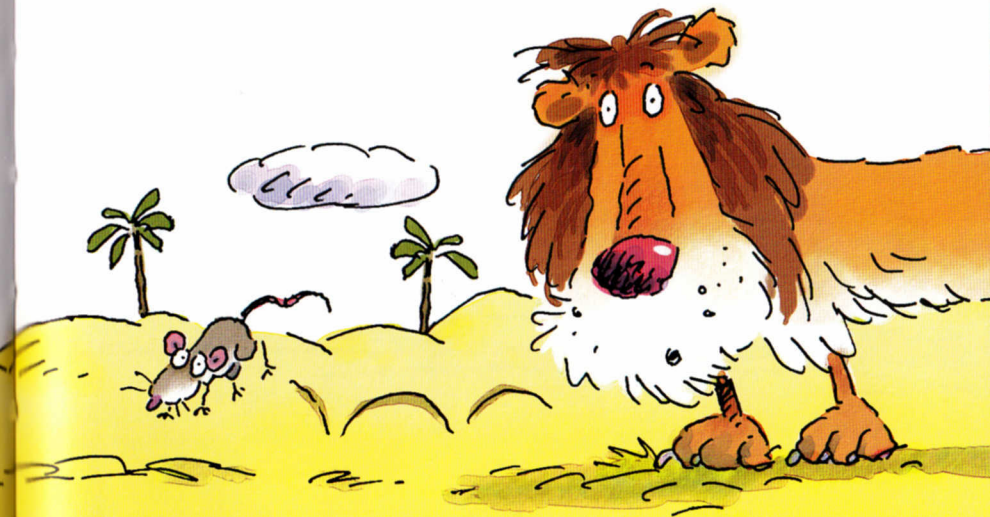
“I’ve learned my lesson. Never again,” said Sam.

About this story

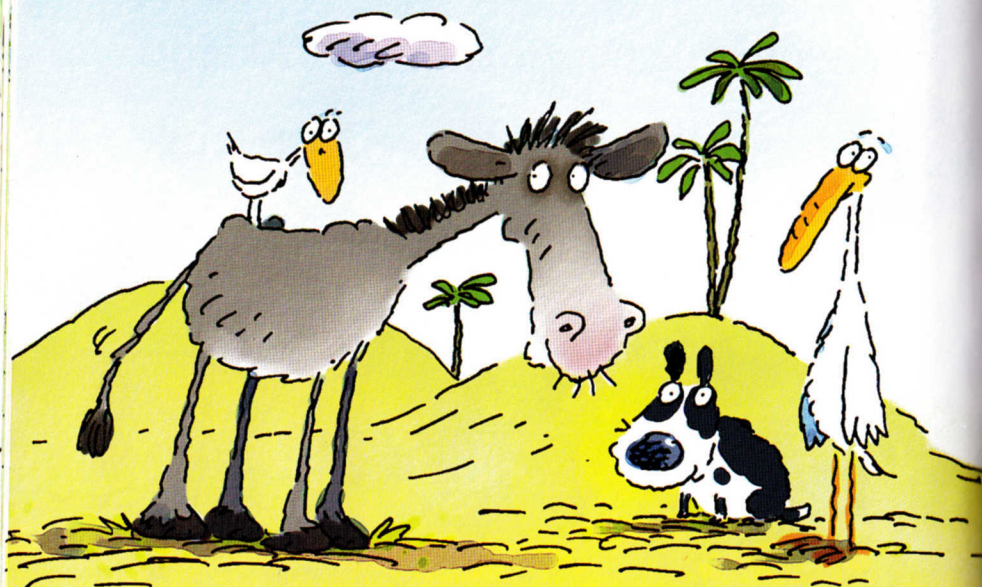
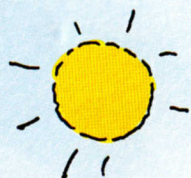
“The Boy who cried Wolf ”
is one of Aesop’s (say Ee-sop’s)
Fables. These are a collection
of short stories, first told in
Ancient Greece around
4,000 years ago.



Nobody knows exactly who
Aesop was, but the stories
are still popular today, and
they are known all around
the world.



The stories are often about animals, and they always have a “moral” (a message or lesson) at the end.



The moral of the story about the boy who cried wolf is:

No one believes liars, even when they tell the truth.


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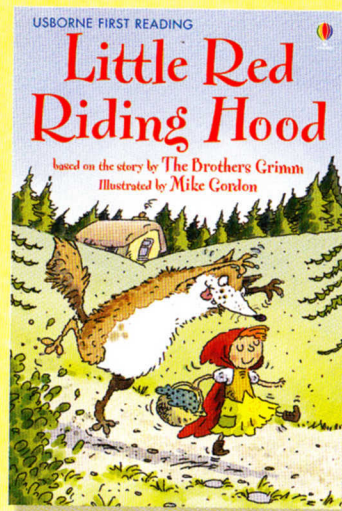
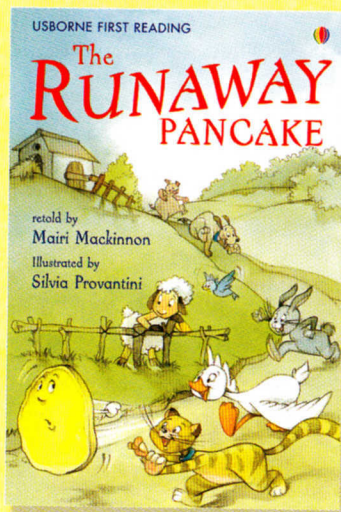
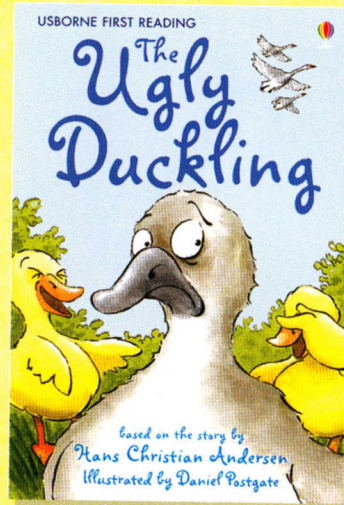
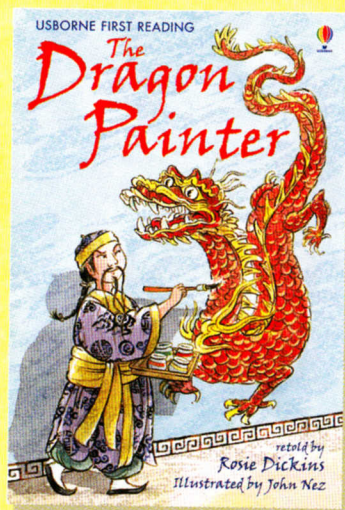
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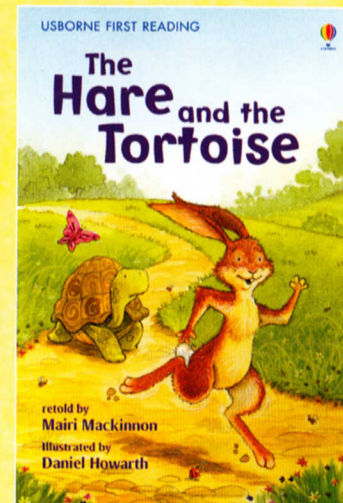
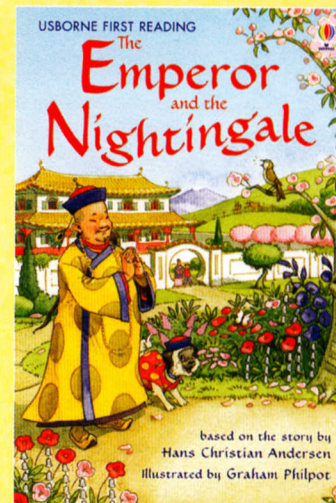
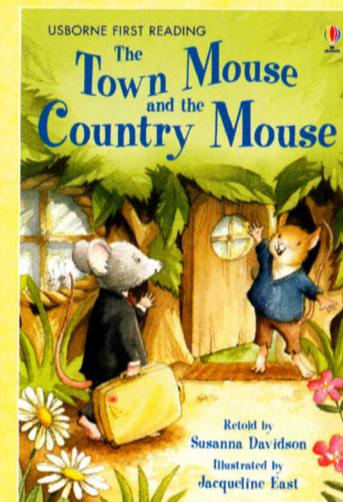
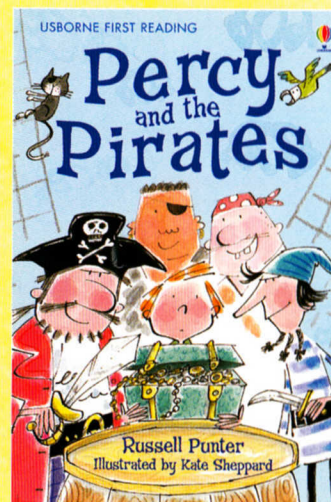
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